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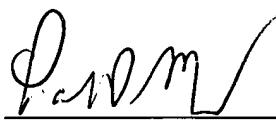
Claims 1-12 were presented for examination in the present application. The instant amendment cancels claims 8 without prejudice such that claims 1-7 and 9-12 are presented for consideration upon entry of the instant amendment.

Claims 3 and 7 have been amended to correct obvious errors, namely claim 3 has been amended to change "the" to "a" and claim 7 has been amended to depend from claim 6. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections to claims 3 and 7 are respectfully requested.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication of allowability of claim 8. Independent claim 1 has been amended to include the elements of allowable claim 8 and, thus, claims 1-7 and 9-10 are now in condition for allowance. In addition, independent claim 11 has also been amended to include the elements of allowable claim 8 and, thus, claims 1-12 are also now in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Such action is solicited. If for any reason the Examiner feels that consultation with Applicants' attorney would be helpful in the advancement of the prosecution, the Examiner is invited to call the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,



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